

VILLAGE OF GARLAND

Regular Meeting Minutes - March 3, 2026 - 7:00 PM

1. Pledge

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- The Board Chair noted that all board meetings are recorded. A copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for public inspection at the meeting location.

Roll Call:

- Trustees present: Todd Strauss, Bryce Standley, Marilyn Patsch, Emmanuel Morales, Haley Hackbart.
- Village Maintenance and Village Attorney present.

2. Consent Agenda

- Previous meeting minutes from February 3, 2026
- Village Claims
- Fire Department Claims
- Village Income
- Village Treasurer Report

Motion by Standley to approve consent agenda, Second by Strauss, Motion carried.

3. Fire Department Report, Fire Department presented Nick Glass and Jake Fry as potential new members. Motion by Patsch, Second by Strauss, to approve the new Fire Department members. Motion carried.

4. Old Business

- ETJ Zoning Ordinances: Board passed along responsibility to the Planning Commission.
- Nuisance Properties: Board discussed Birket and Haumont properties and directed Fern to send letters to the property owners regarding the condition of their properties and potential actions the Board may take following notice.

5. Corner Bar Keno, Board discussed approving a Keno at the Corner Bar. Motion by Strauss, Second by Standley, to approve Keno at the Corner Bar. Motion carried.

6. Mulch for Playground and Batting Cage, Patsch and Regnier presented the need to purchase new mulch for playground and batting cage at the Garland Park. Regnier presented the cost per yard and the loading fee. Motion by Strauss, Second by Standley, to approve purchase of mulch. Motion carried.

7. Village Attorney Report

- Nextlink tower permit and ETJ questions: Deferred to Planning Commission
- Waiver schedule, code enforcement: Fern still in process of making copies of the Ordinance books and highlighting sections he recommends the Planning Commission to begin with reviewing for possible revisions.
- Village & Neighbor fence deed transfer: Discussion held regarding the Surveyor quote for the three properties affected by the fence deed transfer.

- New Ordinances: Fern is preparing a draft ordinance regarding trailer homes and has removed the proposal for a Planning Commission timeline as it was deemed unnecessary.

8. Seward County Update, Nothing to report.

9. Planning Commission

- The Board discussed NextLink’s willingness to work toward an agreement and expressed interest in keeping their equipment on the water tower provided all safety measures are met and approved by the companies currently contracted regarding the water tower.
- A Public Hearing for the US Cellular Permit will be held on March 10, 2026.
- The Board clarified that special meetings of the Planning Commission are not required to be recorded and that, similar to the Village Board, cameras may be turned off when entering Executive Session.

10. Maintenance Report, Regnier reported completion fo the concession stand addition. He requested guidance regarding replacement of approximately 11 beacher seat boards at the park. The Board agreed treated wood should be used.

Additional updates:

- Secure entrance for the Bank completed
- Payment slot covering completed
- Screen door on the Bank will be reinstalled
- Playmat will be ordered for the Park

Concerns discussed:

- Marquis sign turning on and off
- Alley blockages caused by vehicles, tires, and bushes which complicated most recent snow removal

Regnier will also review the stairwell to determine what repairs are needed. Fern will contact Midwest Armor Coating regarding the previous discussion from the last meeting.

11. Clerk Report, Nothing to report.

12. Board Report, Standley will attend a Wastewater Convention in Kearney next week and disclosed the cost of his classes. He will also pick up the filing cabinet previously approved by the Board. The Board agreed to cover the cost of his classes.

13. Public Comment, Megan Eckles introduced herself to the Board as the new Emergency Management Director and Zoning Assistant for Seward County. She announced the creation of a centralized location for emergency management alerts through the Seward County Emergency Management Facebook page.

14. Announcements

- Next Regular Board Meeting will be April 7, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

15. Adjournment, Motion by Standley, Second by Strauss, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.